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SUBJECT: GOALS

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1. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING CHANGE FOR PARA
14 REFTEL:

QUOTE: THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW GRADUALLY US GROUND FORCES
FROM THE ROK HAS CREATED CONCERN ABOUT FUTURE US INTENTIONS
IN EAST ASIA AND THE VALIDITY OF OUR COMMITMENT TO THE
SECURITY OF JAPAN. THIS HAS LED TO SOME SPECULATION ABOUT
THE NEED FOR JAPAN TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A MORE "SELF
RELIANT" POSTURE. IT IS THUS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR JAPAN
TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP SECURITY POLICIES WHICH ARE CON-
GRUENT WITH OVERALL US INTERESTS. WE SHOULD CONTINUE A
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POLICY OF THE CLOSEST COOPERATION AND INVOLVEMENT WITH
JAPAN IN THIS KEY SECURITY AREA. WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT
THERE REMAIN LEGAL AND POLITICAL BARRIERS TO JAPAN'S RAPIDLY
DOING MORE IN THE SECURITY AREA, BUT THESE ARE TENDING TO
DIMINISH IN SIGNIFICANCE AS TIME PASSES. THERE ARE CERTAIN
US ACTIONS IN THE MEANTIME WHICH WOULD ENHANCE OUR SECURITY
RELATIONSHIP. A GOOD EXAMPLE WOULD BE ACCORDING JAPAN

EQUAL TREATMENT WITH OUR NATO ALLIES, AUSTRALIA AND NEW

ZEALAND IN THE MATTER OF ARMS EXPORTS (E.G. SECTIONS
21(E)(2) AND 38(B)(3) OF THE AECA) AND SHARING
SECURITY INFORMATION.

2. IF EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION, WE PLAN TO USE ABOVE
LANGUAGE FOR SECOND PARAGRAPH OF SECURITY GOAL SECTION. VANCE

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